



“At one year of age the child says his first intentional word...his babbling has a purpose, and this intention is a proof of conscious intelligence...He becomes ever more aware that language refers to his surroundings, and his wish to master it consciously becomes also greater.... Subconsciously and unaided, he strains himself to learn, and this effort makes his success all the more astonishing.”

Maria Montessori, *The Absorbent Mind*, Page 111

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